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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament Assembled, presented to His Majesty on Wednesday the Twenty eighth day of October, 1696. And His Majesties most Gracious Answer thereunto.

Die Martis 27. October, 1696.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Do conceive We cannot enter upon the Business of this Session any way so well as by an Address to Your Majesty, Testifying Our Zeal to Your Service, and Our Forwardness to apply Our selves to what Your Majesty has lately proposed from the Throne.

And being Entirely Satisfied, That the Liberty of *Europe* is concern'd in the Resolutions of this Parliament, and that the Welfare of Your Majesties Subjects does depend upon Your Safety, and the Success of Your Arms: We beg leave to Assure Your Majesty, We do, and ever shall Consider all the Disappointments You meet with, and the Obstructions laid in Your way, as Our greatest Misfortunes, and those that Create and Promote them, as Enemies to the Publick.

And as with the utmost Sincerity We give Your Majesty these Assurances, so We think it becomes Us to deal as plainly with Your Enemies; and therefore that they may not believe Your Majesties Loyal Subjects can ever Wish for Peace, or Think of it, but upon those Safe and Honourable Terms, which may make it Lasting and Secure: We further Assure Your Majesty, We shall Endeavour to overcome all Difficulties to Support You at the Head of so Just and Glorious a Cause; and shall never be Wanting or Backward on Our Part, in what may be Necessary to Your Majesties Honour, the Good of these Kingdoms, and the Quiet of Christendom.

Matth. Johnson,
Cleric. Parliamentor.

His Majesties most Gracious Answer to the Address.

I Am extreemly Pleased with an Address so full of Affection to Me, and Zeal for the Cause in which We are all Engaged; and I shall always think that the best Security against Our Enemies of all Sorts, is to be thus happily United and Resolved amongst Our Selves.



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